THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI G.S. DHILLON): (a) and (b) Presently under the Integrated Rural Development Programme borrowers are not required to furnish any security for investment loans upto Rs. 5000. They are only required to hypothecate the assets created by the loans. In the Conference of State Rural Development Ministers held in Delhi on 24th October, 1986, there was a consensus that this limit be raised to Rs. 10000.

(c) The matter is under consideration in continuation with the Reserve Bank of India.

Sugar production

*379. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any increase in sugar production during the year 1985-86 as compared to 1984-85;

(b) if so, what is the extent of increase in the production;

(c) whether it would be necessary to import sugar in 1986-87, if so, the quantity expected to be imported; and

(d) whether import of sugar is likely to be stopped in view of increase in domestic production in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Sugar production during 1985-86 season was 70.03 lakh tonnes (provisional) as against 61.44 lakh tonnes during 1984-85 season, showing an increase of 14 per cent over the previous year.

(c) and (d) In view of the encouraging trend in sugar production, the proposal for further import of sugar, if any, will be considered at the appropriate time after taking into account the production/consumption trends during 1986-87 season.

Shifting of heavy industry from Delhi

*380. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the D.D.A. have changed its rules regarding shifting of large and heavy industires from Delhi in pursuance of its new Act enacted in January, 1986; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the changes made and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The Delhi Development Authority has however, issued in January, 1986, the Regulations, viz. the Delhi Development Authority (Zoning) Regulations, 1983 under section 57 read with section 14 of the Delhi Development Act, 1957, which *inter alia*, provide for shifting of non-conforming industrial uses.

Principle of accountability in Scientific Institutes

†2355. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the application of the principle of accountability in sicentific institutions is very poor which are now manned in a routine manner without any goals; if so, whether Government propose to enforce accountability amongst top managers in Council of Scientific and Agricultural Research (CSIR), Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), and Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR); and

(b) whether it is also a fact that system of rotation of Heads of Divisions in ICAR Institutes has proved unworkable

†Previously Unstarred Question 1623, transferred from the 20th November, 1986.

and totally disastrous; if so, whether Government propose to abolish the system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) No, Sir. The guidelines of the Government of India for accountability of scientific institutions and for setting up goals for each of them, are followed by CSIR, ICAR and ICMR.

(b) No, Sir. The present system of rotation of heads of divisions in ICAR institutes is working smoothly. The question of its abolition therefore does not airse.

Setting up of Hydrological Research Centre and Allied Laboratories in Assam

†2356. SHRI NAGEN SAIKIA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the plan and estimates for the Hydrological Research Centre and Allied Laboratories proposed to be set up in Assam have been finalised;

(b) if so, what is the estimated cost of the project; and

(c) by when construction work is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) The estimate for setting up of a Hydrological Research Centre and Allied Laboratories proposed to be set up in Assam at a cost of Rs. 415.50 lakhs has been prepared and is under consideration by the Brahmaputra Board.

(c) The construction work is proposed to be started in 1987-88, subject to sanction and the availability of funds.

†Previously Unstarred Question 1636 transferred from the 20th November, 1986.

Geothermal Energy Tapping

$2357. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have examined the potential of tapping geothermal energy in Gujarat; if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether Geothermal energy has been tapped anywhere else in the country; if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are aware of warm water streams near Tulsi-shyam in Gujarat and whether it is a fact that such points have very high potential of exploiting geothermal energy; and

(d) whether Government of Gujarat have requested the Centre to carry out the survey and identify potential locations for tapping geothermal energy; if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) Yes, Sir. Only reconnaissance surveys and preliminary investigations have been carried out so far.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir. But, from the reconnaitory surveys conducted so far it has not been possible to assess the potential at this stage.

(d) Yes, Sir. The proposal is presently being examined by Central Electricity Authority, New Delhi with regard to feasibility of power generation.

Kimberlite Testing Plant

2358. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up Kimberlite testing plant at Racherla, Kurnool

$Previously Unstarred Question 1940, transferred from the 24th November, 1986.